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SUBJECT: FRENCH PROTEST KREISKY'S TELEGRAM OF
CONGRATULATIONS TO MITTERRAND

1. GOF HAS TAKEN STIFF VIEW OF TELEGRAM WHICH AUSTRIAN
PRIME MINISTER KREISKY SENT TO MITTERRAND THIS WEEK CON-
GRATULATING PS ON OUTCOME OF FIRST ROUND OF THE FRENCH
ELECTIONS. AT GISCARD'S DIRECTION, QUAI FORMALLY
CALLED AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR ON CARPET. AUSTRIANS
WERE TOLD THAT SINCE KREISKY WAS NOT ONLY SOCIALIST
LEADER BUT ALSO PRIME MINISTER HIS TELEGRAM REPRESENTED
"UNWARRANTED INTERFERENCE" IN FRENCH DOMESTIC AFFAIRS
BY A FOREIGN STATE. TO NAIL POINT DOWN QUAI THEN
BRIEFED PRESS ON LECTURE AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR HAD JUST
BEEN READ.

2. PORTUGUESE ESCAPED SIMILAR FATE ONLY BY A HAIR'S
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BREADTH IN CONNECTION WITH ANALOGOUS REMARKS MARIO
SOARES WAS REPORTED TO HAVE MADE IN MADRID. PORTUGUESE
AMBASSADOR ARGUED SUCCESSFULLY, HOWEVER, THAT LOCAL
PRESS REPORTS OF SOARES' COMMENTS REFLECTED INCORRECT
TRANSLATION OF WHAT HE HAD SAID. QUAI THEREFORE LIMITED
ITSELF TO A PRIVATE LECTURE WHICH PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR
WAS REQUIRED TO ENDURE.

3. COMMENT: WHILE BOTH INCIDENTS ARE IN THEMSELVES
OF MINOR IMPORTANCE, THEY DO SHOW THAT GOF WANTS TO
MAKE IT CRYSTAL-CLEAR, PARTICULARLY IN THESE FINAL DAYS
BEFORE THE SECOND ROUND OF THE FRENCH ELECTIONS, THAT
FOREIGN INTERFERENCE, FROM WHATEVER QUARTER, IS UN-
DESIRED, SO THAT NO PRECEDENTS ARE SET.
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